

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-16 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12 and 17-25 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

ABSTRACT OBJECTION - REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT SHEET

The abstract has been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed within the section numbered "1" on page 2 of the Office Action. As the attached replacement abstract sheet is believed to be of proper form, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the abstract, are respectfully requested. In the event that the present replacement abstract is itself found not to be of proper form, the Examiner is herein authorized to amend to a suitable replacement abstract. With respect to any past, present or any ultimately implemented Abstract or amendment thereof, Applicant would like to reiterate and embrace the 37 CFR 1.72(b) provisions that "The abstract will not be used for interpreting the scope of the claims."

REJECTION UNDER '112, 2ND PAR. OBIATED VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 1-6, 8-14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC '112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the concerns listed on page 2 of the Office Action. Appropriate ones of surviving (non-cancelled) ones of such claims have been carefully reviewed and carefully amended where appropriate in order to address the Office Action listed concerns. As the foregoing is believed to have addressed all '112 second paragraph concerns, reconsideration and withdrawal of the '112 second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

ALL CLAIMS IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the fact that the 112, 2nd para. concerns regarding surviving ones of the original pending claims have been obviated by the present amendments, further in view of the fact that such claims have not been rejected on a basis of prior art, and finally, in view of the fact that the added (new) claims are close to ones of the (above-described) surviving claims, it is respectfully submitted that all presently pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance with respect to the present application is respectfully requested.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.43742X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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